



# ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

## BEACON Newsletter – August 17, 2025

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### **WEEKLY SERVICES:** Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)

Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. Use this link to watch the service LIVE:

<https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **INCUMBENT THEO ROBINSON** leads Sunday services on August 17. *Lunch to follow the 10 a.m. service..*
- **FALL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** on September 26-28. *More details on bulletin board in the hall...*

### UPDATE ON PARISH FINANCES TO JUNE 30

**We are doing really well! – especially compared to last year at the same time.**



1. Our total income of \$120,000 is almost exactly half what we've budgeted for the entire year.
2. Our expenses are a little higher than expected (\$126,500 vs \$118,275.)
3. When we take into account the \$7,000 shortfall we carried forward from 2024, we are currently showing a net loss of \$14,000. But... \$10,000 of this amount will be recovered from funds invested with the diocese, leaving us with a net loss of only \$4,000.
4. The great news is that at this time a year ago, we were showing a net loss of \$38,000. What this means is that not only have we held our own during 2025, but we have made huge strides

on our financial position since June 30, 2024.

**Bottom line:** way to go St. Peter's, and don't stop now! - MAT

### DISCERNING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY

One sign of thriving Christian communities is that they tend to be the parishes that nurture and "raise up" people who feel called to ordained ministry. It is always a cause of celebration when a parish enters into a process of discernment with one of its own members.



Here at St Peter's, a small group has been formed to work with **Mitch Kidd**, who has felt a calling to the ministry of a deacon for many years now. This group will meet 9 times to discuss various aspects of diaconal ministry, and the qualities and gifts the church needs in its deacons. Using a framework in use throughout our diocese, they will discuss such issues as diaconal identity, personal awareness and self-understanding, spiritual practice, community engagement, biblical rootedness, community building, authority, openness to learning, and personal stewardship.

The role of the discernment group is to remain open to the leading of the Spirit, and at the end of its work, to recommend whether Mitch should continue in a path of preparation for ministry. Members of the group include Mitch (of course!), Sheila Sanders, Roger Williams, Grace Oldnall, Deacon Trish Vollmann-Stock, and Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea, who is the convener. Please keep them all in your prayers. – MAT

## 2025 MS Bike Cowichan Event

Over 40 riders made a stop at St. Peter's for food and water on Saturday August 9 and received an **ENTHUSIASTIC** welcome from our cheering squad! Thank you to Liz Williams for coordinating the event!



**Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.**

*Albert Einstein*

NEW SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Thank you to the 30+ households who made it possible for us to install our new audio-visual system in the hall. This Sunday, we'll have two reasons to make a special point of attending the coffee hour – not only will we be welcoming Theo Robinson, but we'll be able to *hear* it happen! We have also secured a new body-mike for the clergy which will ensure that both the deacon and the presider are audible from all positions in the church. It will greatly improve the quality of the livestream, which is dependent upon the sound system to provide good audio.

SOCIAL MEDIA

St. Peter's has recently launched an Instagram account. If you have an Instagram account, please follow us at [@stpeterduncan\\_quamichan](#) and keep an eye out for our first post.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of August 17:

**Members of our Congregation:** Pat, Barry, Laurie, Milan, Vickie, David, Arnold, Mark, Jane, Jim, Alison, Cory, Jason, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
  - St. Mary, Nanoose Bay
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
  - The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Government Leaders:** Charles, our King, Mark, our Prime Minister, David our Premier, Cindy, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Rob and Michelle our mayors.

**Birthday Blessings this week:** none this week

**Parish Families:** Patrick Thomson, James Van Hemert, Dorothy Whittome

**Flowers this week:** The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by the congregation of St. Peter, Quamichan to welcome Theo and Cass to our church family.

GETTING TO KNOW THE REVEREND THEO ROBINSON



Hello! My name is Reverend Theo Robinson. I was born and raised in Winnipeg and have a Bachelor of Theology from the University of Winnipeg. I am currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from the College of Emmanuel and St Chad in Saskatoon. My partner Cass and my two kids, Kathleen and Elijah, have remained in Winnipeg for the time being, although I hope they will visit frequently! We also have two cats, Stache and Minou, and two dogs, Freida and Blue. I miss them all dearly! I enjoy reading all types of books, playing and singing music, and building with Lego. I hope one day to be a writer so I practice using my blog, which you can follow at [tjrobinson@blogspot.com](#). I'm looking forward to meeting everyone!

Okay, now that we've gotten the serious part out of the way, here's a LESS SERIOUS INTERVIEW WITH THEO:

What's your favorite place on earth? **Although this may change as I explore the Island, currently my favorite place on earth is sitting on the deck of the A-frame cabin at Luther Village, looking out onto Dogtooth Lake, first thing in the morning with my coffee and a book.**

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be? **Pizza!**

What's the best thing you've read in the last five years? **I have read a multitude of books over the last 5 years, 111 just in the last couple of years! How do I choose just one? For non-fiction, I'd probably say "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans and for fiction, "Ordinary Monsters" by JM Miro, but I have read many, many good books.**

Do you like coffee or tea better? **Coffee! Hands down.**

Are you an early bird or a night owl? **I don't know if I'm either, exactly, but I seem to be more productive in the morning than in the evening. Does that make me an early bird?**

What is on your bucket list? **To see all the wonders of the world. To visit Auschwitz.**

If you could time travel, when and where would you go? **This may seem silly but I would love to go back and have a conversation with my younger self.**

Who's your dream dinner party guest, living or dead? **I feel like I should say Jesus. ;-)**

What is something people would never guess just by looking at you? **Hopefully they don't guess how nervous I am about public speaking!**

What makes you laugh the most? **Watching my puppy, Freida, have the zoomies around the house.**

What did teachers used to say about you on your report card—and is it still true? **Honestly, I don't remember anything about my report cards.**

What makes you feel at peace? **Sitting with friends around a firepit.**